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400 gmf/inch to further provide improved benefits. In other aspects, the peel force is not more than about 1,200 gmf/inch. Alternatively, the peel force is not more than about 800 gmf/inch, and optionally is not more than about 600 gmf/inch to provide improved performance.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 24, line 11 with the following paragraph:

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The engagement force between the selected first fastener component and its appointed and cooperating fastener component may additionally provide a shear force value of not less than about 400 gmf per square inch of the area of engagement between the first and cooperating fastener components. Alternatively, the shear force is not less than about 1,000 gmf/in², and optionally, is not less than about 1,700 gmf/in². In further aspects, the shear force can be up to about 4,400 gmf/in², or more. Alternatively, the shear force is not more than about 3,900 gmf/in², and optionally is not more than about 3,500 gmf/in² to provide improved performance.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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32. [amended] The sanitary napkin of claim 31, wherein the first wing comprises the first fastener component and the cooperating fastener component.

33. [amended] The sanitary napkin of claim 32, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

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36. [amended] The sanitary napkin of claim 35, wherein the second wing comprises the first fastener component and the cooperating fastener component.

37. [amended] The sanitary napkin of claim 36, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

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41. [amended] The sanitary napkin of claim 39, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.